

POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (PCR)

1. Add the components in a sterile PCR tube in this following order and keep it on ice.

COMPONENT	50 μ L REACTION	FINAL CONCENTRATION
Nuclease-free water	42.35 μ L	-
Buffer 10X	5 μ L	1X
dNTP 10mM	0.5 μ L	0.1 mM
Forward Primer 10 μ M	0.5 μ L	0.1 μ M
Reverse Primer 10 μ M	0.5 μ L	0.1 μ M
DNA 2 ng/ μ L	1 μ L	40 pg/ μ L
<i>Taq</i> DNA Polymerase 5 U/ μ L	0.25 μ L	25 mU/ μ L
Total	50 μ L	-

2. Transfer PCR tubes from ice to a thermocycler, start the PCR reaction.

3. Thermal cycling protocol:

STEP	TEMPERATURE	TIME	NUMBER OF CYCLES
Initial denaturation	95 °C	3 minutes	1
Denaturation	94 °C	30 seconds	35
Annealing	50 °C	30 seconds	
Extension	72 °C	1 minute	
Final extension	72 °C	5 minutes	1
Keep	4 °C	∞	-

4. Analyze the amplification products by agarose gel electrophoresis and visualize by ethidium bromide staining.